

# The Ladder

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**Glen Carbon's United Methodist Congregation**

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## OUR FALL KICK-OFF AND PACK-A-PEW SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Use your Andrew cards (that were passed out the past two Sundays during worship) and remember to pray for your friends, look for opportunities to witness to them, and then invite them to "fill your pew" and worship with you on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am or 10:45am! Fun prizes will be awarded at each service, for the person/family who brings the most people!

### New Worship Times Starting September 10th:

**8:15 am Traditional Worship**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**10:45 am Contemporary Worship**

### ***Annual Bike Rally & Picnic***

Mark your calendars for the Annual Bike Rally & Picnic on **Saturday, September 16th** at Miner Park. Bike riders will meet at 9:00 at the Pavilion #2 parking area. Short and long bike routes on the MCT Trails are planned. Walkers and joggers are also welcome! Following the bike ride, a picnic lunch featuring hot dogs and hamburgers will be served by the UMM. Participants are asked to bring either a side dish, munchies, or desert. Beverages will be provided. **If you can't make the bike ride, plan to come for the picnic beginning at 11:00!** Also, members are asked to please invite neighbors and friends to join us for this event. Signup sheets are available at church.

### **NOMINATIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT.**

The Nancy Compton Servant Award will be bestowed upon a member of NB who exemplifies selfless servant leadership in the life of our church. Please take time to write a couple paragraphs nominating someone in our church for this distinction. Letters of nomination should be received by Sunday, September 17. You can either leave your nomination on Cheri's desk or email Brian Hohlt, SPRC Chairperson at [hohltfamily@att.net](mailto:hohltfamily@att.net). The recipient will be recognized at our Sunday morning worship services on the 8th of October.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Kathy Sedlacek for being awarded the Luis V. Amador, M.D. Medallion Award presented by the Glen Carbon Kiwanis Club. This award represents Kathy's history of extraordinary personal dedication of time and resources to the pursuit of charitable, benevolent and community service activities consistent with the objectives of Kiwanis and her demonstrated leadership skills that have directed, motivated and encouraged others to render altruistic service within her community.

## Pastor's Pen:

And we begin a new sermon series, called *In His Steps*, based on this verse: 1 Peter 2.21 - *To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.* This series will call us to a deeper walk with Christ as we examine his call to follow and our vow to support Christ's church with our presence, prayers, gifts, service and witness. Each week we will focus on one aspect of that vow. Money, service, witness, time, energy, worship attendance, prayers - these are all resources we use to build the Kingdom of God on earth. Some of us have more opportunities to serve than others. Some have more money to offer. Some are great prayer warriors but don't get out to witness very often. It's all good. God isn't measuring the quantity of our offerings, but the quality of our devotion to Him. God is more interested in the depth of our faith, than the depth of our pocketbooks.... This series will examine how all five aspects of our membership vow work together to challenge us to grow, help us express our faith, and give us opportunities to witness for Jesus Christ. For we are all called to be stewards or servants for Christ. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 4.12: *Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.* We want to be good stewards for the LORD!

The end of September, you will receive a new style pledge card, that invites you to make a commitment of your time, money and resources, to the ministries of the New Bethel UMC. You will have a couple of weeks to prayerfully consider how best you will serve in 2018. Everyone (children included) will have the opportunity to fill out their card, and then bring it to worship on our Commitment Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>! During both services, we will bring our cards forward and ask God's blessing on them, as we make our commitment to Christ's service. It will be a really neat worship experience.

This is such a wonderfully gifted and diverse congregation and the New Bethel UMC leaders and I hope you will all join us in this new adventure in faith! Together, we can make a difference in our community, and in our world. And it's all to the honor and glory of God. I hope you will choose to be a part of this...

In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Penny

## The In His Steps Series

Sept. 10 - Presence

Sept. 17 - Prayers

Sept. 24 - Gifts

Oct. 1 - Service

Oct. 8 - Witness

As we finish up *The Seven Deadly Sins* this week, with a sermon on the sin of lust, I'd like to share an excerpt from a great book that challenges teenagers to keep themselves sexually pure until marriage. All over our country, there are actually thousands of teens taking this pledge. Here's our "Quote of the month"

## Here is the Purity Code:

*In honor of God, my family, and my future spouse, I commit my life to sexual purity. This involves:*

Honoring God with your **body**  
Renewing your **mind** for the good  
Turning your **eyes** from worthless things  
Guarding your **heart** above all else

From the Book, *The Purity Code: God's Plan for Sex and Your Body*, by Jim Burns

**WIDOWS LUNCHEON** We only have two more gatherings planned for this year. They will be Sept. 23rd & Oct. 28th at noon at the Cracker Barrel in Troy. Please contact Joanne Delaney (618-288-9228) if you need a ride.

## **BICYCLE SAFETY RODEO - BRING YOUR BIKES TO GET THEM CHECKED OUT.**

**THE GLEN CARBON KIWANIS CLUB IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CENTENNIAL LIBRARY AND THE GLEN CARBON POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING A BICYCLE SAFETY RODEO ON SEPTEMBER 16TH FROM 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY. THIS WILL BE THE SAME DAY AS THE UMM BIKE RALLY AND PICNIC IN MINER PARK.**

**CHILDREN WILL GO THROUGH A SERIES OF TRAFFIC SET-UPS TO LEARN THE PROPER ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN.**

**THERE IS NO COST AND CHILDREN COMPLETING THE COURSE RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF SAFETY PROCEDURES.**

## **OPERACION HOGAR, JUAREZ, MEXICO**

Are you interested in being part of a mission trip? Are you interested in visiting sunny Juarez Mexico? Are you interested in experiencing another culture? Are you interested in experiencing God's presence and a deeper understanding of your own faith? Are you interested in meeting Jesus at work in the world? If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes" then please join Mike Chamberlain at an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 6th, at 6:30 pm at the church to learn more. This meeting will provide information about the mission trip opportunities to Juarez Mexico. If you are interested and cannot make this meeting please let Mike know. Come explore a wonderful way to deepen your faith and serve God.

## **HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE**

The United Methodist Men's group is organizing a list of people that would be available to help seniors or disabled members with simple home repair projects. Volunteers would be available to provide labor to take care of items like fixing leaky faucets, changing hard to reach light bulbs or cleaning gutters. If you have a need for this service, please call the church office (Cheri) and give her a description of the problem. Cheri will forward the request to the UMM. Also, if anyone is willing to be a volunteer repair person (men & women welcomed!), please notify John Kutz and let him know what skills you would be willing to help with.

## **New Member Sunday – October 1, 2017**

If you are ready to become a member of the New Bethel UMC, Pastor Penny would love to receive you on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at either service. Of course, we can do this any Sunday, but sometimes people like to have others standing with them when they take the vows of membership, profess their faith in Jesus, and join the church. Membership in The United Methodist Church is based on two things: Profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, and Baptism. If you've ever been baptized, that was sufficient to cleanse you from your sins and mark you as a disciple of Christ. We do not need to re-baptize you. If you have an active membership in another Christian Church, then we simply transfer your membership. Membership is a deep commitment to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, as lived out, in and through a local congregation. We take these vows very seriously when we vow to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Are you ready to make that commitment? If you have any questions or would like to join the New Bethel UMC, please speak with Pastor Penny any time!

## COME LEARN HOW YOU MAY HELP WHEN A DISASTER HAPPENS IN IGRC:

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference Disaster Response Mini Academy will be held on September 29-30, 2017, at East Bay Camp in Hudson, IL. Classes being offered are as follows:

1. ERT (Early Response Team)
2. ERT Recertification
3. Connecting Neighbors (Local Church Preparedness)
4. Spiritual & Emotional Care Team Basic Training
5. Volunteer in Mission Team Leader Training

To register, please let Pastor Penny or Cheri know. **Deadline is September 20, 2017.**

If you can't make the Mini Academy there are two other ERT Training's this fall. Training's are usually held on a Saturday and are usually held from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Please register by clicking on one of the red links:

**ERT Training at Monticello UMC on September 16, 2017.** Deadline is September 13, 2017.

**ERT Training at Fairfield First UMC on September 23, 2017.** Deadline is September 15, 2017.

There is also an ERT Recertification training for those who have been through the training and whose badges are near or recently expired: Training's usually take place on Fridays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please register by clicking the red link below:

**ERT Recertification Training at Monticello UMC on September 15, 2017.** Deadline is September 13, 2017.

**What is an ERT:** The mission of an early response team is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster. It is a cooperative effort between the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. The team is neither a first response group of emergency workers nor a recovery, rebuild or repair team. Rather, it fills a specific need in the early days after a disaster to establish the presence of the church.

## HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF.

Consider a special offering during the month of September to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response to help those in need after the devastating hurricane in Texas. If you would like to donate please mark your check **Advance # 901670** in the memo line. 100% of the donations will go those in need.

## UMW MONTHLY MEETING

Please join the women of New Bethel September 9th at 9:30 am for their monthly meeting.

## AND COMING IN OCTOBER:

**New Bethel UMC's Fall Festival!** This is a wonderful fall celebration that will be hosted by Steve & Sarah Paul this year on October 14 at 3 pm, involving good food, fun fellowship, games and hay rides! The whole church is invited and friends/neighbors are welcome, too! Just mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

## DISCIPLE CLASSES

**DISCIPLE 1 class will be meeting on Thursdays, from 6 - 8 p.m., in the double -room across the hall from Judy Lee's office. Our first class will be September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. Books can be picked up in the Pastor's office. Leader is Pastor Penny Barber.**

**DISCIPLE 2 class will be meeting on Sunday afternoons, from 1:30-3:30 pm, in the double-room across the hall from Judy Lee's office. Our first class will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Books can be picked up in the Pastor's office. Leaders are Bob and Maxine Dunn and Ken and Nancy Gaines.**

**New Bethel UMC is sponsoring an opportunity to view "The African Americans Many Rivers to Cross" by Henry Louis Gates Jr.**

This six-hour series guides viewers on a journey across two continents to explore the transition of African-Americans. The series encompasses five centuries of events, visits key sites, and engages in debates with historians and eyewitnesses like school integration pioneers Ruby Bridges and Charlayne Hunter-Gault, former Black Panther Kathleen Neal Cleaver and former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The first series will be shown Sept. 17, 6 - 7:30pm, there will be one hour of film and a 30 minute discussion of what we just viewed. The following five episodes will be shown, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22. Please join us for this exciting and informative experience.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES DELIVERED**

On Wednesday, August 30, Pastor Penny Barber and Larry Evans delivered a box of school supplies to the Albert Cassens Elementary School on Glen Crossings Road. These were the supplies collected at our Vacation Bible School, last month. Thank you to all who donated items and money.

## **TEACHER/LOUNGE SNACK BASKET**

We'd like to gather items for a snack basket for the Teacher's lounge at Albert Cassens Elementary School. If you would be willing, please bring any yummy snack items or drinks that would energize and bless our teachers at Cassens Elementary School. Ideas include, raisins, apples, candies, Diet Dr. Pepper (the School Nurse's favorite), bottled water, and Keurig coffee pods. Please bring your items to church and place in the basket by Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! And if you'd like to help Pastor Penny deliver the basket on Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, just let her know. How good it is to be a blessing to others, in the name of Jesus Christ!



**LIFE IS SWEET.**

## **Get ready for s'more fun in Sunday School this fall!**

To kick-off the season, we'll have a special s'mores snack on Sunday, September 10th. Bring a friend during September, and you and your friend both get a \$5 gift card to Jilly's cupcakes for s'more sweet treats!



## Operation Christmas Child

“Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child.” Franklin Graham



We are really excited about Operation Christmas Child this year and trying something new! This year we are asking individuals and families to pick up a pre-made shoe box at our display table starting on Sunday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, taking the box home, praying for the child and then buying a “Wow” item. This item could be a stuffed animal, inflated soccer ball with pump, a doll, a clothing outfit or toy truck that will capture the child’s attention when they open the box. We will have gift suggestions for smaller items to pack around the wow item according to the age and gender. Remember all items must be new and there are several items that cannot be sent so please pick up a list of suggested gifts at the display table.

This special shoe box gift may be the first gift these children have ever received so please make this special for them and shop for them like you would shop for your children, a niece or nephew or someone close. Most importantly pray for these children.

We will not be collecting individual items for the boxes at church this year but hope you will take a box home that we will provide for you and have fun shopping for a special child and then bring the packed boxes back to Church by Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> for dedication. You can take the box to the store with you and see how much you can fit in. Several times I have seen people in Walmart and different stores shopping with their boxes.

Samaritan’s Purse puts in each box the story of Jesus in their own language and then each child is able to be a part of a 12 week discipleship class to further their new relationship with Jesus. You can go online to [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org) and get more information or donate to help with the costs of the discipleship class or fill your box online.

**Sunday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - Display will be set up in Church lobby with premade shoe boxes and information for you to take home.**

**Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Please bring all packed boxes back to Church by today for Dedication Service**

**Thank you so much for all the help and donations in the past years and I know this will be a great year too!**

Joanna Nuoffer  
Mission/Outreach Chair

**Chancel Choir.** Everyone is welcome to join the New Bethel Choir as we begin rehearsing and singing again this fall. We are looking forward to singing and helping to lead worship again. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and music!

**Praise Band.** The Praise Band worships at the 10:30 service (10:45 starting September 10). If you would like to join us in making our brand of Christian contemporary music, contact Jake Hoult for more information.

**Hand Bell Choir.** The hand bells will play periodically at the 8:30 service (8:15 starting September 10) and we are looking for some more people interested in joining us in the Hand Bell Choir! We rehearsal on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 6 pm. Please join us! The first rehearsal this fall will be September 7th at 6 pm. All are welcome

## S.S. Classes:

Short-term class for College-Aged and other adults-C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*, Pastor Penny leads this discussion of some of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. Open to all - meets in the Fellowship Hall

*Women of Faith Class*- led by Joanna Nuoffer, this group of ladies will be reading *Jesus Calling*, by Sarah Young. Open to all—Room 102

Short-term class, *Visiting the Upper Room*, led by Jim & Kathy Jeffries—meets in the Fellowship Hall.

*Embracing Grace class* - meets off site

Sr. High Sunday School - NOOMA - Room 203/204

Jr. High Sunday School - **Cases for Christ**—meets in the room off of the Fellowship Hall

Children's Class, Pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade - **Dig In**—Room 101

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is Sunday School available for all ages at 9:30 every Sunday! We're using the **Dig In** curriculum, incorporating music, videos, games/crafts, and Bible stories.

Pre-school/Elementary Sunday School will continue with Dig In: Digging Into the Life of Jesus leads kids in walking in Jesus' footsteps from birth to resurrection to ascension. Kids don't just learn about the historical Jesus; they get to know him personally. They'll discover that Jesus is a real person—a real friend—who makes a difference in their lives today.

Children's Worship activity bags are available during each service for your little ones. They are welcome to grab one out of the tub and take back to their pews after the Children's sermon.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Middle School Sunday School will be starting the video series, *Cases for Christ* on September 10th. Mr. Dennis, Mr. Andrew, and Mrs. Sheina will see middle schoolers in the room off of the Fellowship Hall.

The Senior High Group will be starting NOOMA on Sunday Mornings. Room 203/204.

Our Wednesday night Middle School and Senior High Youth Group is under the direction of Judy Lee.

**Wednesdays in September** — meal and bible study (**bring your bible**) — 6-7:30 pm

**Saturday, September 16** — Bike Ride and Picnic—9 am

**Sundays in September** — check with Judy

**Saturday, October 14**—All-Church Fall Festival—3 pm

**Wednesday, October 25**—Trunk or Treat—5:30 pm

**Friday-Saturday, October 27 & 28**—Ignition Middle School Conference at Troy UMC

**Saturday November 4**—Soup and Bread Dinner—sign up to work a shift! 11-5 pm

**Saturday & Sunday, November 18-19**—Little Grassy Retreat



### ***BIRTHDAYS ...***

September 2	Judy Horton & Nora Walton
September 6	Beverly Jones
September 8	Judy Schafer & Tony Gares
September 9	Liam Oertle
September 10	Wyatt Larson
September 16	Jim Jeffries & Andrew Vance
September 18	Annette Frick
September 20	Nathan Meckel & Beverly Wann
September 21	Kathy Bryant
September 27	Pam Evans & Niloofar Khojandi
September 28	Megan Black

### ***ANNIVERSARIES ...***

September 6	John & Rosalie Meckel
September 8	Dennis & Denise Wilson and Jim & Kathy Jeffries
September 10	Larry & Linda Lawhead
September 15	Steve & Joanne Spencer

### **NBUMC Financial Snapshot: (As of July 2017)**

**YTD income = \$ 156,361**

**YTD expenses = \$ 155,143**

**Total Current Assets = \$ 67,299**

### ***RECURRING EVENTS AT NEW BETHEL...***

#### **SUNDAYS:**

**Worship** 8:15 & 10:45 AM

**Nursery.** 8:00 AM-Noon

**Sunday School.** 9:30 AM

**Disciple 2 Class.** 1:30 PM

#### **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES—SUNDAYS 9:30 AM:**

Mere Christianity—Fellowship Hall

Embracing Grace—Meets offsite

Women of Faith Bible Study - Room 201

Visiting the Upper Room—Fellowship Hall

#### **WEEKLY:**

##### **Tuesdays**

**Quilters.** Tuesdays 9:15 AM. Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

##### **Wednesday Evenings**

**Potluck**—first Wednesdays of every month 5:30 pm

**Middle & Senior High School.** Lively learning and fun with Ms. Judy Lee. 6-7:30 PM, Room 103/104.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 6:30 pm Room 101

**Pastor's Bible Study** - 6:30 pm - Room 203/204

##### **Thursday Evening**

**Disciple I Class**—6 pm

**Bell Choir.** 1st and 3rd Thursdays 6 pm

**Chancel Choir.** 1st and 3rd Thursdays 6:30 pm

**Praise Band Practice**—check with Jake Hoult

#### **MONTHLY:**

**United Methodist Men.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 8 AM breakfast and meeting

**United Methodist Women.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 9:30 AM



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3 Communion Sunday	4 AA Bible Study 6 pm	5 Quilters 9:15 am  SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm	6 Potluck 5:30 pm  Bible Studies & classes 6:30 pm Juarez Informational Meeting 6:30 pm	7 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 pm	8	9 United Methodist Men, 8am  United Methodist Women 9:30
10 <u>New Worship Times</u> 8:15 Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Service Disciple 2 class 1:30 pm	11 AA Bible Study 6 pm	12 Quilters 9:15 am  Finance Meet- ing 6:30 pm	13  Wednesday Night Classes 6:30 pm	14 Ad Board Council 6:30 pm  Disciple I class 6 pm	15	16 Bike Ride and Picnic
17 Disciple 2 class 1:30 pm	18 AA Bible Study 6 pm	19 Quilters 9:15 am	20  Wednesday Night Classes 6:30 pm	21 Disciple I class 6 pm  Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 pm	22	23 Widow's lunch at Cracker Barrel in Troy—noon
24 Disciple 2 class 1:30 pm	25 AA Bible Study 6 pm	26 Quilters 9:15 am	27  Wednesday Night Classes 6:30 pm	28 Disciple I class 6 pm	29	30